REV. WATSON L. HAYNES, II PRESIDENT & CEO

Rev. Watson L. Haynes II, President & CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League, Inc., successfully manages the agency's long/short-range strategic planning, fiscal management and fundraising. He maintains knowledge of national and local issues, constituent problems and translate same into programming and service efforts. He provides fiscal and programmatic activities and implements Board policy and program decisions. He develops and expands linkages with the community with emphasis on business, labor and industry to facilitate the mission of the Urban League. He has overall responsibility of supervision, management and effective functioning of the agency's administration, its staff, programs and services.

He is a popular public speaker, consultant and trainer in governmental and non-profit operations and education. He served as the Education and Community Outreach Project Coordinator, Academic and Student Affairs at St. Petersburg College. Rev. Haynes served as the Chartering President of the Midtown Rotary Club and President of the Concerned Organization for Quality Education for Black Students (COQEBS) Inc.

Mr. Haynes holds a Master of Science Degree in Management (Managerial Leadership) from National Louis University - Tampa Campus, a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Eckerd College where he currently serves as a member of the President's Advisory Council and is a graduate of the Eckerd College Leadership Development Institute. He has an Associate in Arts Degree from St. Petersburg College where, in 2007, he was recognized as an outstanding Alumnus and more recently in 2012 was honored by the College and its Board of Trustees for outstanding service to the College and community. He received an AA degree in Theology from the Florida Theological Seminary in Lakeland, Florida and was the first African American elected Senior Class President at St. Petersburg High School. He is the immediate past Chaplain for the Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a Minister at New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.